Under the CSSM Project, an amount of Rs. 2388.32 lakhs has been allocated for the States Union Territories other than Rajasthan and Orissa.

2441 [Transferred to 17th December 1992]

C.B.I. Investigation against drug Manufacturers

2442. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the role of Central Bureau of Investigation in "OSLERS" case;

(b) the findings of CBI and whether CBI has recommended any action against the Drugs Control Authorities, the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory (CIPL) and the manufacturer of contaminated bottles of I.V. Fluids; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The C.B.I. report dated 25-7-91 was received on 30-7-1991. Based on the C.B.I. recommendations, the erring officials have been charge-sheeted on 17-6-1992 under Rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules.

Delay in declaring I.V. Fluids as contaminated

2443. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 2905 on 5th August, 1992 in Rajya Sabha and state :

(a) the reasons for the unprecedented delay in declaring the I.V. Fluids as contaminated after a period of 9 months from the date of receiving complaint;

(b) what were the findings of the investigation of the Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration; and

(c) the reasons that weighed with the Central Bureau of Investigation requesting the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) for getting this case investigated in the month of October, 1989 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) On the request of CBI to the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) on 9-10-89, the Central Drugs Inspectors (North Zone) rendomly drew samples of 20 batches and sent them to the Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL) Calcutta for test and analysis. The samples were received by them on 3-11-89 for testing. CDL, Calcutta issued test reports of certain batches of I.V. Fluids contaminated with fungus during the period 10-11-89 to 16-11-89. As such, there was no delay in declaring the I.V. Fluids as contaminated.

The Drug Control Authorities, Delhi Administration, in their letter dt. 9-2-89 had informed the Drugs Controller (India) that they had inspected the premises of M/s. Eskay Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi, and took 11 samples of I.V. Fluids manufactured by M/s. Oslers Pharma Ltd., Coimbatore for testing. The results of the analysis of these samples drawn by Drugs Inspector, Delhi Administration, became known in the month of April, 1989, declaring all the 11 samples to be of standard quality, which were tested at Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

Committee on flouridated Tooth Pastes

244. SHRI J. S. RAJU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee appointed to enquire into the exclusion of a clause banning use of flouridated tooth paste by children below 7 years of age from the draft notification issued in 1991 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the use of flouride in the tooth pastes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.